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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR IS XF US

SUBJECT: CODEL O'NEILL VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM

REF: STATE 49056

JERUSALEM FOR ATHERTON AND CONGEN

1. SHALEV CALLED DEPTOFF MARCH 11 TO COMPLAIN THAT EMBASSY TEL AVIV HAD TOLD GOI CODEL O'NEILL DID NOT WANT ISRAELI ESCORT TO ACCOMPANY IT DURING VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM. SHALEV ASKED DEPTOFF TO INVESTIGATE WHERE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION AND HOW CODEL HAD GOTTEN IDEA IT MIGHT NOT WANT ISRAELI ESCORT. SHALEV OPINED THAT IT WAS "BAD MANNERS" FOR US OFFICIAL VISITORS TO JERUSALEM TO TELL ISRAELIS "TO GO AWAY" DURING TOUR OF EASTERN PART OF CITY AND ADDED GOI WAS "NOT GOING TO PUT UP WITH THIS."

2. SHALEV CONTINUED HE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT UNDER SEC-  
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RETARY SISCO HAD RESOLVED THIS WHOLE PROBLEM RECENTLY BY

DECIDING IT WOULD BE DEPARTMENT POLICY TO ADVISE US  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH VISITORS TO JERUSALEM TO MAKE OWN  
DECISIONS ABOUT TOURING EASTERN PART. DEPTOFF SAID THIS  
WAS DEPARTMENT POLICY. AT THE SAME TIME, CONGRESSIONAL  
STAFFERS OFTEN ASKED WHAT PRACTICE WAS OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH

OFFICIALS REGARDING THEIR OWN VISITS TO EAST JERUSALEM AND  
WHAT REASON WAS BEHIND THIS PRACTICE, AND IF SUCH  
QUESTIONS WERE POSED, THEY OF COURSE WERE ANSWERED.

3. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT HAS JUST LEARNED THAT ISRAELI  
EMBASSY COUNSELOR RAFIAH HAS BEEN PRESSING CODEL O'NEILL  
STAFF TO ACCEPT ISRAELI ESCORT FOR TOUR OF OLD CITY, BUT  
THAT RAFIAH WAS STRESSING SECURITY ASPECT RATHER THAN  
AUSPICES. WHEN CODEL STAFF MEMBER MARCH 11 ASKED H FOR  
GUIDANCE RE RAFIAH'S APPROACHES, HE WAS AGAIN TOLD THAT  
DECISION WAS ENTIRELY UP TO CODEL. STAFF MEMBER INDICA-  
TED CODEL STILL WISHED TO HAVE TOUR GUIDED BY FATHER  
GODLEY AS REQUESTED REFTEL AND THAT HE PLANNED TO INFORM  
RAFIAH THAT ARRANGEMENT FOR TOUR MADE BY EMBASSY TEL AVIV  
SHOULD STAND BUT THAT OF COURSE, IF GOI FELT SECURITY  
ESCORT WAS NECESSARY, CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE PRESENCE  
OF DISCREET SECURITY PERSONNEL.

4. WE DO NOT PLAN TO GO BACK TO SHALEV ON THIS BUT FELT  
YOU SHOULD HAVE THIS BACKGROUND IN CASE ISRAELIS RAISE  
MATTER WITH YOU. INGERSOLL

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